Wilt Thou Be Made Whole?

"When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?"
(John 5:6)

BELOVED, notice how our Lord puts this question to a certain, particular man. The Lord Jesus Christ does not put this question universally to every man in a general way, but rather to each of His people *particularly*. Indeed, our blessed Redeemer takes His blessed sheep aside and says to each one *"Wilt Thou Be Made Whole?"* (John 5:6).

Is the reader one of them? Are you one, who when you look back on the past, grieves to think upon all the forsaken opportunities of not gathering with Christ and His beloved people? Do you grieve of all the heartless prayers and warnings ignored? Do you grieve the many kind doors of God's good providence to you, left unopened? Is your case hopeless? In no wise, if the reader is an evil sinner alike with the writer.

Reader, are you a sinner? Then our Lord speaks once more with a voice of tender kindness and mercy, even to such a one as evil as you, saying *"Wilt thou be made whole?"* [Matthew 7:11, Luke 11:13].

My friend, our Lord's saving arms are ever open to sinners. If you are *indeed* a sinner He will make you willing in the day of His power. And oh how I pray that day is today; may He make you willing to come to Him for all of your salvation, *"He saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation!"* (2 Corinthians 6:2).

No one can ever say that it's a Sovereign Saviour who rejects the sinner, rather, it's the self-righteous pretender who rejects the only Saviour there is for sinners. You see, our Lord Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And if you'll not be saved it is for only one reason, you are not one of His sheep. Our Lord tells us plainly that those who do not believe are among those He did not come to give His life for. I pray dear reader, you are among those who will be made to hear His well pleasing voice. He says *"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me—I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish!"* (John 10:25-27)

Reader, can you hear His voice? May the Saviour's kind gracious words now reach your ears and heart. When you go home, take the Word you have heard from the Lord Jesus Christ and beg the Father to open your heart, that you may receive His Holy Spirit. May that short prayer from Jeremiah be your answer to our Lord's question, wilt thou be made whole?—Lord Jesus, *heal me and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved.* [Jeremiah 17:14, Acts 16:14-15] AMEN! — JDM

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May 8th, 2022

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Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

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"Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise."
(Jeremiah 17:14)

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SALVATION *"is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy"* (Romans 9:16). So reader, has God shown you mercy? If you can confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God; He most certainly has [Acts 8:26-40]. My friend, salvation is not found in believing doctrines, rather it is found, through God's undeserved grace, by believing on His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps someone schooled in religion might ask you questions, like 'Do you believe in Total Depravity? Do you believe in Unconditional Election, or Limited Atonement, Irresistible Grace, or Perseverance of the Saints?' Reader, believing doctrines won't save you, rather you must believe Christ to be saved, and if you believe Him, you will believe His doctrine. Indeed, *"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son"* (2 John 1:9). You see, the only doctrine, the only teaching, the only teacher that should matter to you is Christ. And if you find yourself believing on the Son of God; He is your Lord and God and you will obey His gospel command: to confess Him in the waters of baptism and to remember Him at the Lord's table. AMEN! — JDM

WELCOME

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it you are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday!
Gayle Luman, May 12th

RESOURCES

BE sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

GRACE ARTICLES

Assurance For Ever

"And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever."

(Isaiah 32:17)

HOW prone we are to try and find assurance in the words of others. Or worse yet, to try and give it to others with our own! Beloved, we'll only find peace, quietness, and assurance forever believing the words exchanged by and within our covenant God, who changeth not. Words exchanged between the Father, His Son, and blessed to the hearts of His people by the Holy Spirit. Beloved, He sweareth to His own hurt, and changeth not — He declares to you elect of God — *"I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee." "I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed."* (Psalm 15:4, Jeremiah 31:3, Malachi 3:6)

LORD deliver us from looking to ourselves. Allow us, cause us, to put our trust in your Son [1 Thessalonians 2:4, Psalm 65:5, Psalm 143:8]. Grant us to hear the well pleasing voice of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, declaring to us once again through the gospel of our salvation, that everything this poor undeserving sinner needs to be saved before the holy and living God, has been freely and graciously supplied in and by Christ alone. Our Lord declares *"I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand"* (John 10:28). Beloved, no man shall pluck us out of the hand of our God. Believer, you can't even pluck yourself out of the hand of our good and ready to forgive God; for you are sealed by His Holy Spirit and bought with His Son's precious blood [Ephesians 1:13]. Remember, He is *plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Him* [Psalm 86:5].

Thanks be to God! Everything I must *be* to be saved, He has graciously *made me* in the flesh of *the Man* [2 Corinthians 5:21, 2 Corinthians 8:9, John 19:5]. Not in my flesh, but in the flesh and Spirit of His Son, by the writer's (and I pray, so too, the reader's) substitute, which we now walk after by His grace. Beloved, *"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit"* (Romans 8:1). AMEN! — JDM

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"Beloved, the SON OF GOD spoke not of denominations or religions, our LORD spoke of those who ARE HIS SHEEP and those who ARE NOT HIS SHEEP [John 10:24-28]"